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97RSS178C**REMARKS**

In an office action mailed June 28, 2005 (Paper No. 06222005), claims 21, 22, 25, 27-32 and 34-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,448,756 granted to DeLuca. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLuca in view of Ciccarelli. Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLuca in view of Knutson. Claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLuca in view of Ooi. These rejections are respectfully traversed. The Applicant appreciates the indication by the Examiner that claims 23, 24 and 41 would be allowable if amended to incorporate all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 22-24 and 35-41 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 43-48 are presented. The claims, as amended and newly presented, are believed to be in condition for allowance in accordance with the indication by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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97RSS178C**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicant submits that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 939-8657 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No additional fee is believed to be due. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Godwin Gruber LLP, No. 500530.

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